



American Model United Nations

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Sustainable Development and Human Settlements

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

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1 *Noting with appreciation* the Economic & Social Council's resolution 2011/8 of
2 21 July 2011 and the principles found therein,

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4 *Affirming* the need for insightful and critical analysis of the vulnerability of all
5 humans in the face of natural disasters,

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7 *Expressing* concern at the degree to which natural disasters have increasingly
8 proved detrimental to the economies and a security threat to all Member States,

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10 *Further invites* States to consider the incorporation of infrastructure that will
11 ultimately provide economic opportunity for the rising number of individuals among
12 those unemployed,

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14 *Reminding* Member States that in accordance with Res/2011/8 of 21 July 2011
15 deep concern is expressed at "the increasing challenges facing Member States in regards
16 to the United Nations humanitarian response capacity posed by the consequences of
17 natural disasters, including those related to the continuing impact of climate change, by
18 the ongoing impact of the financial and economic crisis,"

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20 *Emphasizing* all States' responsibility under Article I of the United Nations
21 Charter to promote humanitarian solutions for the betterment of society,

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23 1. *Urges* Member States to implement a form of protection for citizens as well as
24 the local environments;

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26 2. *Suggests* that such infrastructure be utilized to maintain and protect the
27 biodiversity of the region considering the number of expanding urban centers;

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29 3. *Further urges* each State to explore possibilities that would shelter the
30 uniqueness of physical environments while simultaneously providing employment
31 opportunities for citizens through the creation of jobs relating to such protection;

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33 4. *Endorses* the adoption of building code standards in areas affected by

39 hurricanes, tsunamis, etc., based on new structural construction codes currently being
40 researched by the International Federation of Red Cross & associated societies' Disaster
41 Law Programme together with the United Nations Development Programme;

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43 5. *Encourages* the induction of clear evacuation policies, emergency plans, and
44 natural disaster education so as to better equip citizens with effective means of survival in
45 emergency situations according to the needs of each State, including, but not limited to:

46 (a) Instruction of local government officers to lead citizens through approved
47 evacuation routes from their neighborhood;

48 (b) Instruction that these routes be numerous in number depending on the scale of
49 the urban area as well as the number of citizens found within so as to ensure a quick and
50 organized exit;

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52 6. *Strongly recommends* the use of the Inter-American Development Bank and the
53 United Nations Development Program in reference to funding for such actions to promote
54 the ultimate goal of disaster risk reduction.

Passed, Yes: 21 / No: 1 / Abstain: 7